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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Roy attended the meeting at 9:32 AM  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry left the meeting at 9:54 AM and attended at 10:09 AM

Also

Present: Councillor John Neal

Absent: Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
J. Dixon, Supervisor, Budgets and Finance  
J. Finlayson, Manager, Corporate Communications  
D. Holmes, Director, Business Affairs and Financial Management  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services  
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long Term Care and Services for Seniors  
L. McIntosh, Director, Children's Services  
K. O'Brien, Director, Income & Employment Support  
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning, Budgets and Risk Management  
J. Riches, Superintendent, Region of Durham Paramedic Services  
A. Robins, Director, Housing Services Division  
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(1) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**3. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**4. Delegations**

4.1 Joyce Marshall, Durham Region Hospice Volunteer re: Progress of Durham Region Hospices

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Christine Raynor, Chair, Durham Region Hospice Community Board attended in place of Joyce Marshall and provided a verbal presentation regarding the progress of the three Durham Region Hospices.

C. Raynor stated that Durham Region Hospice is a partnership between Durham Hospice and VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) Durham Community Corporation. She stated that the partnership supports Hospices in Whitby, Newcastle and Port Perry. She stated that the team meets regularly to discuss ways they can share resources, investigate joint opportunities and work cooperatively to ensure the residences are a region wide project. She advised that Durham Region does not currently have a hospice and is one of the only communities of its size in the Province without one. She stated that they are very fortunate to have the support of municipal, regional and provincial politicians but are still reliant on communities to help raise \$15 million to make sure the Whitby and Clarington Hospices can open their doors, and \$8 million to complete the Port Perry Hospice.

C. Raynor advised that the campaign has been split into 2 phases for the 3 projects: Phase 1 is the construction phase and costs \$20,000,000 for the three hospices; and Phase 2 is the operations phase for 2 years and will cost \$2,600,000, for a total of \$22,600,000. She advised that to date, funds committed are from the Province of Ontario, Region of Durham and the community, and totals approximately \$18,400,000.

C. Raynor further advised that the Port Perry Hospice broke ground in December 2019 and hopes to open their doors in January 2021; and the Whitby and Clarington Hospices hope to break ground in late spring 2020 with the goal to open their doors in the spring or summer of 2021.

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
(2) That the agenda be altered in order to consider Reports #2020-MOH-1  
and #2020-SS-1 [Items 6.2 A) and 7.2 A)] after the respective  
presentations.

CARRIED

## 5. Presentations

### 5.1 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, regarding the 2020 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Health Department – Public Health and Paramedic Services (2020-MOH-1) [Item 6.2 A)]

R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the 2020 Business Plans and Budgets for the Health Department - Public Health and Paramedic Services.

Highlights of the PowerPoint Presentation included:

- 2020 Budget – Strategic Priorities
- Budget Overview
  - 2019 Public Health Accomplishments
  - 2019 Paramedic Services Accomplishments
  - 2020 Proposed Expenditures and Financing Public Health
  - 2020 Proposed Expenditures and Financing Paramedic Services
  - 2020 Priorities and Highlights Public Health
  - 2020 Priorities and Highlights Paramedic Services
  - 2020 Risks and Uncertainties
  - 2020 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
  - Future Budget Pressures Public Health
  - Future Budget Pressures Paramedic Services

## 6. Health

### 6.2 Reports

#### A) 2020 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2020-MOH-1)

Report #2020-MOH-1 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to consideration of electric ambulances; consideration of 24-hour police and emergency services presence at Durham Live and best practices from other venues; paid duty; hours of offload delay; possible stationing of paramedics permanently at hospitals; comparison of other regions with regards to offload delays; paramedics and absenteeism; possibility of a global program for emergency services; changes to provincial legislation that would affect public health services; and discussion regarding environmental health.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(3) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2020 Business Plans and Budgets of the Health Department be approved.

CARRIED

5.2 S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, regarding the 2020 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Social Services Department (2020-SS-1)

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S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the 2020 Business Plans and Budgets for the Social Services Department.

Highlights of the PowerPoint Presentation included:

- 2020 Budget – Strategic Priorities
- Budget Overview
  - 2019 Accomplishments
  - 2020 Proposed Expenditures and Financing
  - 2020 Priorities and Highlights
  - 2020 Risks and Uncertainties
  - 2020 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
  - Future Budget Pressures

**7. Social Services**

**7.2 Reports**

**A) 2020 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2020-SS-1)**

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Report #2020-SS-1 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to education surrounding human trafficking; the Region's commitment regarding poverty; modernization of shelter systems and the Ontario Works Program; possible changes to the Ontario Disability Support Program and the impact on Ontario Works; waitlist for subsidized daycare; and how the Primary Care Outreach Program is being deployed throughout other municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
(4) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2020 Business Plans and Budgets of the Social Services Department be approved.

CARRIED

## 6. Health

### 6.1 Correspondence

#### A) Information Report #2019-INFO-89: Opioid Information Videos to Help Address Stigma

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Discussion ensued with regards to the possibility of having staff work with the Corporate Communications Division to raise awareness, remove the stigma, and keep the conversation going.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
(5) That Report #2019-INFO-89 of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health be received for information.

CARRIED

### 6.2 Reports

#### A) 2020 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2020-MOH-1)

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This Item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Item 6.2 A) on pages 3 and 4 of these minutes.

## 7. Social Services

### 7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

A) 2020 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2020-SS-1)

This Item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Item 7.2 A) on pages 4 and 5 of these minutes.

B) The Children's Services Annual Update and Durham's Early Learning and Child Care Service Plan 2018-2022 Update (2020-SS-2)

Report #2020-SS-2 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

(6) That Report #2020-SS-2 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

C) The Children's Services Division Best Start Network Annual Report (2020-SS-3)

Report #2020-SS-3 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

(7) That Report #2020-SS-3 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

D) The Region of Durham rolls out RentSmart (2020-SS-4)

Report #2020-SS-4 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

(8) That Report #2020-SS-4 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

**8. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**9. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**10. Other Business**

10.1 Councillor John Neal re: Local Environmental Matters in Oshawa

Councillor John Neal advised that Mr. A. Frank, a resident of the City of Oshawa, delegated to the Health and Social Services Committee in 2008 about health concerns in his neighbourhood. Councillor John Neal advised that Mr. Frank still has the same concerns. He advised that the neighbourhood is in the Columbus and Wilson Road area of Oshawa and there are resident concerns of cancer issues.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
(9) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Chapman, Chair

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk